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CONTAINERS WITH FLANGE TABS

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### **Patents**

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,606,496, issued August 19, 1986, entitled "Rigid Paperboard Container", of *R.P. Marx et al.*;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,609,140, issued September 2, 1986, entitled "Rigid Paperboard Container and Method and Apparatus for Producing Same", of *G.J. Van Handel et al.*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,721,499, issued January 26, 1988, entitled "Method of Producing a Rigid Paperboard Container", of *R.P. Marx et al.*;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,721,500, issued January 26, 1988, entitled "Method of Forming a Rigid Paper-Board Container", of *G.J. Van Handel et al.*;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,781,566, issued November 1, 1988, entitled "Apparatus and Related Method for Aligning Irregular Blanks Relative to a Die Half", of *A.F. Rossi et al.*;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,832,676, issued May 23, 1989, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Forming Paperboard Containers", of *AD. Johns et al.*;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,088,640, issued February 18, 1992, entitled "Rigid Four Radii Rim Paper Plate", of *M.B. Littlejohn*;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,203,491, issued April 20, 1993, entitled "Bake-In Press-Formed Container" of *R.P. Marx et al.*;
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,249,946, issued October 5, 1993, entitled "Plate Forming Die Set", of *R.P. Marx*;
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,326,020, issued July 5, 1994, entitled "Rigid Paperboard Container", of *J.O. Cheshire et al.*;

11. U.S. Patent No. 5,603,996, issued February 18, 1997, entitled "Coated Sheet Material and Method", of *D. Overcash et al.*; and
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,776,619, issued July 7, 1988, entitled "Plate Stock", of *K.J. Shanton*.

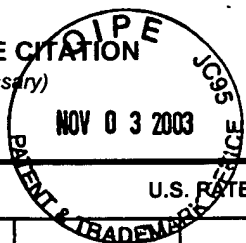
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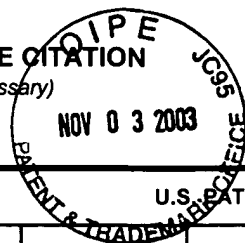
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